

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1 and 3. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended in this reply to clarify the present invention recited. Applicant submits that these amendments are fully supported by the original specification. No new matter has been added.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,728,956 (“Ono”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1, as amended, is directed to a mechanism of updating a program. Specifically, amended claim 1 includes limitations of “a storage area which stores a setting that can be altered by the application program,” and “a recovering application which recovers the setting altered by the application program for the operation of the application program.”

Ono, in contrast, fails to show or suggest at least the above limitations as recited in claim 1. Ono merely discloses that when activation of the operation program does not work, restoration is achieved by replacement with an alternative and same operation program or by replacement with an older version of the program. The application program is simply

replaced with a new version along with the operation program. Ono does not disclose an application program and a recovering program as recited in claim 1.


In view of the above, Ono fails to show or suggest the present invention as recited in claim 1. Independent claim 3, as amended, includes similar limitations to claim 1. Thus, independent claims 1 and 3 are patentable over Ono. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115/020001).

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